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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETEL, MARR, NATO

SUBJECT: MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS

REFS: A. MCM-17-75

B. PO/75/47

1. IN MCM-17-75 (REF A) THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TOLD THE SECRETARY GENERAL (SYG) OF THE NATO C-E BOARD'S CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS NATO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS HAVE HANDLING THE INCREASED TRAFFIC LOAD IN TIMES OF CIRSIS AND TENSION. USER ABUSES CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEMS, AND THE MCM INCLUDES SUGGESTED ACTION TO COUNTER SOME OF THESE ABUSES. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE INVITES THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS FOR WHICH HE IS RESPONSIBLE.

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2. IN PO/75/47 (REF B, QUOTED BELOW), SYG COMMENTS THAT THE NATO-WIDE SYSTEM HAS NOT YET SUFFERED FROM OVERLOADING, BUT HE STATES THAT HIS STAFF WILL STUDY THE QUESTION OF CONTROL TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS IN EVENT OF A MAJOR FAILURE IN THIS SYSTEMS.

HE ALSO PROPOSES THAT THE COUNCIL NOTE MCM-17-75 AND PO/75/47
BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE BY MAY 9, 1975. MISSION RECOMMENDS
NOTING BY SILENCE.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PO/75/47:

BEGIN QUOTE:

MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS

REFERENCE: MCM-17-75

YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
(AT REFERENCE) ON "MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS".

2. IN GENERAL TERMS I AGREE WITH THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OVER THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED
IN NATO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS OF PROCESSING EFFECTIVELY THE
INCREASED TRAFFIC LOAD GENERATED IN TIMES OF TENSION AND CRISIS.

3. THE AUTOMATED NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AT EVERE
HAS NOT YET SUFFERED FROM OVERLOADING. IT IS IN ANY CASE FULLY
DUPLICATED THROUGH THE FACILITIES AT NORTHWOOD. ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS- WITH THE CONSEQUENT
AUTOMATION AND INTERCONNECTION OF ALL MAJOR NATO COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEMS-SHOULD VIRTUALLY ELIMINATE ALL POSSIBILITIES OF OVER-
LOADING.

4. HOWEVER, THE DIRECTOR, COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS WILL STUDY THE QUESTION OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF
THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SERVING THIS HEADQUARTERS TO ALLEVIATE
PROBLEMS OF OVERLOADING ARISING IN THE MEANTIME FROM A MAJOR
FAILURE IN THE NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

5. UNLESS I HEAR FROM YOU TO THE CONTRARY BY 9TH MAY, 1975,
I WILL ASSUME THAT THE COUNCIL HAS NOTED MCM-17-75 AND THE CONTENTS
OF PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 ABOVE.
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(SIGNED) P. PANSA CEDRONIO

END QUOTE.
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